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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1878.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALLEN, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jerry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
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NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO, AND AMERICAN PORTS:—DEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
HONGKONG AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & CO., Manila.
CHINA:—MACCO, MEERS A. A. DE MELLO & CO., SHANGHAI. CAMPBELL & CO., HONG KONG. WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., HONG KONG. HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., AND KELLY & WALKER, YOKOHAMA. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 2 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs THOMPSON & HIND, to sell by Public Auction,

ON THURSDAY, the 18th day of April, 1878, at their Store, Queen's Road Central, at Noon,—

THE WHOLE OF THEIR STOCK OF DRAPERY GOODS, FIXTURES, &c., &c., to J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 9, 1878. ap18

For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES,

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs.

Leaves.) Cut and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Ly's Patent), shortly.

CRYSTALIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/16.

Fine WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/16.

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COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 8 1/2.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.

SPRITS or WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 50°, 0. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants.)

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to

THE MANAGER,
CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,
East Point, Hongkong.

March 8, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

Ex M. M. S. S. "474,"

AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES

in SYRUP.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS

in NOYEAU.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS

in BRANDY.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED PATES

in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS

in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and

JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.

PHILIPS and CANADA'S ASSORTED

PATES.

PHILIPS and CANADA'S LONG ASPA-

RAGUS.

PHILIPS and CANADA'S SARDINES.

FENARD & FILS'

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.

RICHMOND SMOKING MIXTURE.

BARCELONA NUTS.

BRAZIL NUTS.

PEA NUTS.

ALMONDS in SHELL.

SMYRNA FIGS.

MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in

Cartons.

EPPS' COCOA.

BODEN'S CONDENSED MILK.

GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.

GALETTE and ISINGLAS, in 1/2 lb.

Packets.

WAFFLE IRONS, AMERICAN

BROILERS.

VERY FINE "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS.

BILLIARD CUE CEMENT.

BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

BARCLAY and PERKINS' PORTER, in

Hogsheads.

HOT'S Best Quality RUSSIAN ROPE.

HOT'S ASSORTED TARRED and

WHITE LINES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.

"Co., &c., &c."

Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

To Let.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

HAVE JUST LANDED

Ex S. S. "CHINA."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO,

Their Regular Shipment of Californian

ROLL FRESH BUTTER

in Cloth and Bottle,

AND—

COOKING BUTTER in Kegs.

—Also—

The usual Assortment of STORES, including:

Honey,

Fine Rich

New Mill Cheese, Cod

Fish, Cod Sounds, Cod

Fish Tongues, Pig's Foot,

Red Herrings, Soused Pig's Foot,

Canva Smoked

Beef, Large and Small Hominy,

Corn Meal, Hams, Bacon and

Canned Goods, Compressed

Tongues & Corned Beef,

Lunch Tongues, Turtle.

And an Assorted Invoice of the

CALIFORNIA

CRACKER COMPANIES'

FANCY BISCUITS AND CRACKERS.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.

SUPERIOR WHITE CRYSTALS

Manufactured by the ORIENTAL

SUGAR REFINERY, can now be had in

Time of 10 or 14 lbs., or in larger

quantities to suit purchasers, on application to

Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

H. KIER,

General Agent,

Hongkong, March 30, 1878.

C O A L.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM

COAL for Sale ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & CO.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL SUPPLY OF BELL'S

TELEPHONES.

SHORTLY EXPECTED.

H. KIER & CO.

Hongkong, April 5, 1878.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONG KONG.

September 15, 1877.

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DISCOUNT 20%.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MACTAN," FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, April 12, 1878. sp19

S. S. "VIKING," FROM LONDON
via SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees desiring to take delivery from Boat are at liberty to do so.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary be received from Consignees before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining in Godown after the 2nd instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 18, 1878. sp23

STEAMSHIP "LOUDOUN CASTLE,"
FROM LONDON via SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in Messrs. Noron & Co.'s Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees desiring to take delivery from Boat are at liberty to do so.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary be received from Consignees before Noon To-day, the 18th instant.

Cargo remaining in Godown after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1878. sp22

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH BARK "ELIZABETH OSTLE,"
FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1878. sp22

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUEY,
Agent.

Ex "Djemnah,"

SF Order 50 bags Sharp Stones, 1 case
WMS W. MacG. Smith, 1 case
Belts, 1 case
Hongkong, April 10, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"

Comdt. ROLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 p.m.

H. du POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878. sp18

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"IRAOUADDY,"

Comdt. GATIEN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at 6 p.m.

H. du POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878. sp18

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
Agents.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamer "DOUGLAS,"

Captain G. D. PITMAN, will

be despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 21st instant at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
Hongkong, April 17, 1878. sp31

To-day's Advertisements.

S. S. "ESMERALDA," FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Company's Steamer CHINA, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Company at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. "IRAOUADDY."

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. INDIA, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 17th instant, at noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after To-day, the 23rd instant, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. du POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878. sp23

Not responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEER, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain

ANTIOCH, American barque, Capt. W. B. Seymour.—Captain

LADAGO, American ship, Captain C. B. Piero.—Captain

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. McIlroy.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

PARSEE, British steamer, Capt. Sergeant.—Melchers & Co.

DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William Lady Penruddick, British barque, Capt. E. Owen.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

SARAH NICHOLSON, British ship, Capt. Jas. G. Selkirk.—Butterfield & Swire.

H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

FORWARD, British barque, Capt. James W. Vandervord.—Rosario & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 16, Molucca, British steamer, 1478, H. E. Smith, Yokohama April 10, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

April 16, Volga, French steamer, 1043, Rolland, Yokohama April 4, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

April 17, Lorne, British steamer, 1034, Wm. McCullough, Bangkok April 8, Rice.—MELCHERS & Co.

April 17, Diamond, British steamer, 1240, Jackson, Liverpool, via ports of call, and Singapore April 10, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

April 17, Chen-ju, Chinese R. C., from a cruise.

April 17, Douglas, British steamer, 864, Pitman, Foochow April 14, Amoy 15, and Swatow 16, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

April 17, Quinta, German steamer, 874, Wrang, Saigon April 12, Sait.—ORDER.

April 17, Glenaloch, British steamer, 1366, A. H. Taylor, Saigon April 13, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

April 17, Norma, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow April 16, General.—KWOX AOHONG.

April 17, Kashgar, British steamer, 1515, Baker, Shanghai April 14, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 17, Leon, for Manting.

17. Marquis of Argyll, for Cambodia.

17. Queen Seraphi, for Bangkok.

17. Kwantung, for Coast Ports.

17. Zambabwa, for Holow.

17. Viking, for Shanghai.

17. Emerald, for Amoy.

17. Gustav, for Tientsin.

CLEARED.

Arrived.

Per Kashgar, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Mr. J. MacGregor and servant, and 6 Chinese; for Singapore, Mr. Ross; for Penang, 3 Chinese; for Bombay, Mr. A. Gubay's servant.

Per Malacca, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, Messrs. Akawa Sadao, Nagase Yoshibumi, Yokohama, Perpetuo, Thomas Brown, and Nakao Matsugu; for Saigon, Mr. Denis Alexander; for Matelles, Messrs. Sheppel, Yoshibumi, Akimasa, Yamasaki Nobutomo, Mrs. Sikeimura and 3 children, Mrs. Gorochi and 2 children, Mr. Berries, and Mr. and Mrs. Lutzenberg.

Per Volga, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, Messrs. Akawa Sadao, Nagase Yoshibumi, Yokohama, Perpetuo, Thomas Brown, and Nakao Matsugu; for Saigon, Mr. Denis Alexander; for Matelles, Messrs. Sheppel, Yoshibumi, Akimasa, Yamasaki Nobutomo, Mrs. Sikeimura and 3 children, Mrs. Gorochi and 2 children, Mr. Berries, and Mr. and Mrs. Lutzenberg.

Per Lorne, from Saigon, 2 Chinese.

Per Norma, from Swatow, 30 Chinese.

Per Glenaloch, from Saigon, 16 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Kashgar, for Holow, Mr. Marti.

Per Viking, for Shanghai, Miss and Miss Castle, and 1 Lady First-class.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Lorne reports: Light Easterly winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Diamond reports: Light N.E. winds to within 24 hours of port, when had fresh N.E. winds and misty weather.

The British steamer Douglas reports: Left Pagoda Anchorage on Saturday, the 13th, delayed through thick fog in River Min, till Sunday 14th, and had light winds and foggy to Amoy; left Amoy, 16th, and had fresh monsoon and thick weather.

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The British steamer Douglas

passengers whom you received with so much generosity and kindness, will retain the best and most heartfelt remembrance of the *Glenarvin*, and of the rescue effected by your aid.

(Signed) H. PIRRET,

Consul de France;

A. COX,

Principal Agent, M. M. Co.,

etc., etc., etc.,

The following is the reply of Captain

Gulland:

Glenarvin, S. S.,

Yokohama, April 3rd, 1878.

A. COX,

Principal Agent of the Messageries Mar-

times Co.

DEAR SIR.—I beg to thank you and the community of Yokohama for the address, presented by you on the 1st instant to myself, officers, and crew, and I can assure you that we all thoroughly appreciate your kindness.

In rescuing the crew and passengers of the *Mitkong*, we only performed a duty which one man gives to another; and it gives us pleasure to think we have been the means of rendering assistance to our fellow-creatures in time of trouble.

I feel confident had we been placed in similar circumstances to the wrecked vessel, we should have received the same generous assistance and kindness from others.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. A. GULLAND.

—*Japan Herald.*

As a sign of the times, it may be noted that a severe censorship of the Native Press has been established in India. On Thursday the 14th March, the Legislative Council of India unanimously passed a Bill for the better regulation of the Vernacular Press to enable Government to repress seditions, writing, extortion, and intimidation by the Vernacular Press more promptly than is possible under the existing law. The Bill provides that where necessary the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police may, with the sanction of the Local Government, require the publisher of Vernacular papers to execute a bond that he will not allow to be published in future such objectionable matter, or as an alternative for such a bond, to enter into a written engagement to submit proofs of articles to some authorized Government officer. Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, in moving the adoption of the Bill, explained that it was only permissive, giving the Government power to introduce its operation where necessary. The Bill has been deemed necessary for two principal reasons. First, a considerable section of the native press is engaged in systematic abuse of English rule and the preaching of open rebellion to drive the English out of India. Secondly, the same section has established a regular system of blackmail upon Native Chiefs and other Natives of rank, wealth and position, who pay it to escape being abused or slandered in the native press. The Bill is condemned as retrograde by the English portion of the Indian Press.—*Straits Times.*

(London & China Express, March 8th.)

We understand that His Excellency the Chinese Minister has commissioned Mr. Walter Goodman to paint his and his wife's portraits. The work is now progressing, and, in all likelihood, will be exhibited at the forthcoming Academy Exhibition.

The special duty upon which Colonel Gordon—"Chinese Gordon"—has entered, at the express desire of the Khedive, will occupy him some considerable time. The Colonel's selection is an evidence of the high value set upon his abilities by the potentate in whose service he has so long been employed, and it is satisfactory to learn that the Khedive's selection is regarded throughout Egypt as a wise one, and that Colonel Gordon will meet with no opposition. There was a suggestion that Colonel Gordon would shortly quit the Egyptian service. This is highly improbable, for he has received every encouragement, and fully apprises the confidence the Khedive has at all times reposed in him. Captain Baring, O.S.I., is equally satisfied with his prospects in Egypt.

An improved boat-lowering apparatus has been patented by Godfrey G. Lawrence, master mariner, a gentleman who has had great experience in the China and Colonial trade. From an inspection of the method we are of opinion that it should supersede any yet produced.

An Anamite Embassy has arrived in Paris.

The *Gazette* notifier that the appointment of Mr. Ando Taro as Japanese Consul at Hongkong has been approved by the Queen.

At the Thames police court the twelve Chinese seamen formerly belonging to the ship *Loudoun Castle*, lying in the South-West India Dock, were charged, on remand, with seriously assaulting Francis Lemar, a Chinese boarding-house keeper, and several other persons. The accused were committed for trial.

We lately noticed the appointment of Mr. Ney Elias at Leh. The office of Joint Commissioners in Ladak, to watch over the interests of British traders in the province of Cashmere, was created some twenty years since, and was lately held by Mr. Robert Shaw and Captain Molloy. This is very good; but what we wish to call attention to is the great want of a Consul at Yarkand or Kashgar. Now that the Chinese have overcome and expelled the Amirs of Kashgar, and taken the whole of Eastern Turkistan under their authority, there is great danger of their returning to the exclusive policy, and putting a stop to the trade which, under Yacub Beg, was steadily increasing. The attention of the present Viceroy of India has not been given, or at least shown in this matter, but if he would exert his influence in connection with our Minister at Peking, and carry out the appointment of a Consul at Yarkand or Kashgar, much good to our trade, and interests generally, would follow.

Hamburg, March 6th.—Favoured by fine weather and moderate winds the trade on the river has been well maintained, although not quite as lively as the week before. The only arrival from the Far East has been the *Lord Macaulay*, Monkman, from Hongkong. No departures are recorded, and in vessels on the berth no alteration has taken place. At Bremen no movement in an easterly direction is registered. The weather during the past week has been mild and springlike, and the trees and bushes are budding. If the present weather should continue, an unusually early summer and harvest will ensue, but it is feared that night frosts will appear in April and May to destroy all that the fine weather is now producing.

CANTON.

April 16th, 1878.

The appalling nature of the phenomenon of Thursday and its calamitous effects will not soon pass from the memory of this or neighboring communities.

We need not, then, to dwell longer on the sombre and ghastly features which leave so durable a local impression; but must at the same time declare to distant readers that no words yet written have exaggerated the profound moral shock of the harrowing reality.

There is a chastening power in great calamities that evokes a soberness of spirit restraining the impulse of exaggeration, and thus it is that the gravity of the disaster, to the Chinese has been slowly recognized in the successive reports sent forward. But as to the material harm to the foreign community of Shanghai, there may fairly be a revision of some incautious statements respecting the condition of most of the residences which suffered damage; since we do not think that the main walls will require re-erection in any case and the roofs have generally suffered less than has been reported; still the shock to families was severe and the inconvenience and loss in some cases will be very hard to bear.

There is always a compensation to be found if we seek for it; and in these cases there is a deep sympathy felt by all for the sufferers, if no other mitigation appears. But I am confident that a real compensation exists in the consequences of the apparent calamity.

The moral I draw as a practical fact, in this case, being that there was too much shade, and hence too much moisture, for health;

the reluctance to part with fine trees having led to this state of the park, in front of Messrs. Jardine's especially. In point of fact, the original planting in closely serried ranks was provisionally in view of a "thinning-out" by Typhoons, from time to time; but not for one concentrated into a tornado, with its balloon crest of explosive power that levels both the strong and the weak in its course. Indeed, only a day or two before the indefatigable Municipal Chief Commissioner of "Woods and Forests" had discoursed with me upon the remarkable exemption of the trees of Shanghai from destruction by Typhoons, and intimated his purpose to persevere in the "thinning-out" process that he commenced soon after his return from England.

His system was obviously based on axiomatic principles, in the theory that sunlight and air must be admitted to each tree on every side for it to thrive; and that in practice the axe, to strike at the root of the matter, must clear a way—a Gladstone—through the Park to admit air and light to the nursery plants within doors.

To be forestalled in his intended good work in the ruthless manner we have witnessed has naturally aroused in him such a spirit of resistance and retaliation that he has raised his visor and mounted the "stump" to spout defiance at the rude enemy miscalled a "waterspout!" And if he mounts one after another of the 132 stumps, whose limbs, so scientifically amputated by him, seem like so many bare human arms invoking pity, I am sure that his well-known eloquence, added to theirs of seeming mute despair, will evoke a general sympathy that will burst in a "tornado" of cheers.

P.S.—The embankments in the Tsing Yen district have again been breached and the consequent floods in the river, in meeting the high tides just now, have flooded the streets on Honam to-day; but the weather has been fair since Friday, the flooding is not likely to be continued beyond a day or two more.

Of the many incidents of the Tornado two which are anenthe may here be noted. One, that a man and cow near Faa Tee were together carried to a considerable height in the air, his dying the next day. Another that women worshipping at the graves of their husbands or fathers on a hill-side were lifted "high in the air," the meaning being perhaps 20 feet; but whether they were killed or not I do not yet learn.

By the by, I noted this P.M. the statement that the Barometer of the *Chinkiang* was not observed to fall; but infer a want of constant observation, for mine fell below 29.82, though I merely glanced at it in passing when I felt depressed by the excessive sultriness of the air, which I attributed to the recurrence of the tempest of the night before; and another gentleman observed his fall to fall.

The sultriness was so oppressive that I kept awake while writing at my desk only by a strong effort and finally rising to walk; after I had noted the sensation in my diary as follows:—“Poor Mother Earth has the vapours,—she sulks.”

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

April 17, 1878.

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LAWCOURT.

Li Ayine, a carpenter, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a jacket.

Chang Alum, a boatman, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing some pieces of timber valued at \$6 from Hongkong.

SUMMONS FOR NUISANCE.

Mr. Granville Sharp was summoned for allowing a quantity of building rubbish to remain at the side of a water course. He said that he had intended to have it removed, but had been waiting for a reply to a letter he had sent to the Acting Surveyor General, to know if it could be taken to a particular place. The rubbish was now being removed. Case dismissed.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF DOG-COAT.

John Hogan, a gunner belonging to the Royal Artillery, was charged by Mr. Thomas Ide Bowler with stealing a dog-coat. The complainant stated that he lost a little dog on the 13th instant. The dog had on a leather collar at the time, with a brass plate in it, bearing the complainant's name and address. He was passing the Murray Barracks, on the 14th instant, when he saw his dog. The dog at that time had on the same leather collar, but the name of John Hogan had been substituted for complainant's. The defendant said the dog was given to him by a person on board a ship.

The defendant stated, in defense, that he believed the dog to belong to Mr. Markham, and that Mr. Markham had said he could keep it. He had got a bobbiner to put his name on the collar.

The case was remanded until to-morrow, Mr. Mayhew to be in attendance to solve the crisis without England.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)

17th April, 1878.

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE FLORIANO RANGEL.

ANTONIO RANGEL.

This was an application made on behalf of the beneficiaries in the estate of the late Floriano Antonio Rangel, as set forth in a will made during the year 1862, for distribution of the income arising from the said estate. The application was made jointly by the Hon. G. Phillips (Attorney General) and Messrs. Hayllar and Francis, who severally appeared on behalf of the various beneficiaries.

The testator, who was a book-keeper to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., left property to the aggregate value of \$53,000, and after satisfying certain claims on the estate, there still remained a balance of \$30,000, which was held for the beneficiaries.

There were twelve persons entitled to the estate, viz., the widow and her eight children, besides three children by the first and second wives. The provisions of the will set forth that the estate was to be held by the trustees for the benefit of the widow and children, and they were to allow them a portion of the income, whatever they thought fit for their maintenance and support, but the fund was not to be divided until the youngest child attained the age of 21 years, or was married. The estate was then to be divided into equal portions between the widow and children or their heirs.

The Attorney General said that the widow was entitled to one-third of the income, and the children to the remaining two-thirds. It had been proposed to invest the whole amount in a mortgage at 6 per cent., which would give an income of \$2,400 per annum; and the Court was asked to decree that this amount should be divided as follows,—

the widow to receive one-third and eight-elevenths of the remaining two-thirds for her eight children, all of whom were dependent upon her more or less for their support and education, the remaining three-elevenths to go to the other three children who were grown up.

Mr. Hayllar said that, taking the total amount of the income at \$480, he should propose that it be divided by allowing the widow \$360, and this would give the other three \$40 a year each.

Mr. Francis said he must oppose the motion on behalf of the infant children. The grown-up children should be able to support themselves.

Mr. Hayllar said that as the children

came of age the income of the widow would decrease, and he thought the arrangement he proposed would be found to be fairest.

His Lordship finally said he would consider the matter before giving his decision.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

Twenty years hence, the "oldest resident" of the day will refer to the winter of 1877-8 as the most remarkable within foreign residence at Shanghai. The intensity of the cold and quantity of snow had not been equalled for sixteen years; and the amount of rain since is declared to surpass all (foreign) record. Matters seem to get worse, too, instead of better. There were a few dry hours on Sunday afternoon, but there have since been a succession of thunderstorms, with heavier rain than ever, the wind in the meantime having shifted from the E. and N.E., where it had lurked during the past week, to the S. W., which is generally supposed to be fine and warm at this time of the year. The Chinese have been rather surprised at the happy conceit. They suggest that Heaven has made a mistake. The Emperor has been praying constantly for rain, and Heaven is as constantly sending it—but is mistaking the place where it is wanted. The Emperor wants it in the North, and it is being poured out in a "tornado" of a shower.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Irrawaddy*, Captain Gauvain, from Marseilles, with the London Mail of the 8th March, arrived here yesterday evening.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

London, March 23.—The relations between England and Russia are in a critical condition. It is reported that Russia demands that the British ironclad squadrons shall leave the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles. The Russian press are greatly irritated against England, and accuse her of wishing to humiliate Russia. The French press support England.

London, March 23.—England has proposed to Russia that the diplomatic communication of the treaty to the Powers shall be treated as equivalent to its presentation at the Congress. Russia has refused to comply, believing that by a diplomatic communication she has fulfilled her international obligations. The *Far East Gazette* states that England has notified to Russia her discontent with this reply. Prince Bismarck and Count Andressy are mediating. Russia insists upon excluding from the Congress the Bosphorus question and the cession of Armenia.

Berlin, March 23.—An essential modification in the German Government is imminent. The German Ambassador at Vienna is partially replacing Prince Bismarck, whilst the creation of Imperial Ministers of Finance and Railways is pending.

Vienna, March 24.—The attitude of Austria towards Russia is doubtful.

Berlin, March 24.—It is semi-officially stated that German interests are unaffected by the treaty of peace concluded at San Stefano.

London, March 24.—An increase in the armaments of Great Britain is going on continuously.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The Czar is disposed to reduce the conditions of peace provided. Turkey accepts an offensive and defensive alliance with Russia.

London, March 25.—The British training ship *Eurydice* capsized yesterday afternoon to the south of the Isle of Wight. Four hundred lives were lost.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—It is semi-officially stated here that England's conduct in insisting on all the conditions of peace being submitted to the Congress amounts to chicanery, revealing offensive intentions. *Le Nord*, a Russian organ published in Paris, states that it is England's duty to solve the crisis without England.

Berlin, March 25.—The *North German Gazette* states that the Congress is not likely to meet, but that England's attitude does not absolutely imply war. The Russian Army, the same journal further states, remains near Constantinople, and will regulate its conduct by that of the British ironclad squadron.

London, March 25.—In the House of Commons the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr. B. Bourke), replying to a question, said that two Turkish garrisons in Crete had surrendered, and that no portion of the interior of the island was now under the Turkish authorities.

OBITUARY.—Lieutenant Lightfoot.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—General Ignatius is going to Vienna.

Constantinople, March 26.—The Grand Duke Nicholas visited the Sultan to-day at the Palace of Dolma Bache. The Sultan afterwards returned his visit. The Grand Duke lunches with the Sultan to-morrow.

Paris, March 26.—The Paris papers state that France will not participate in the European Congress unless all the Powers are represented.

London, March 27.—The negotiations in connection with a European Congress are at a deadlock. Letters have been sent by the Pope to the Czar and the German Emperor, conched in a conciliatory spirit. Lieutenant-General Haythorne has been appointed General of the 55th Regiment.

Bucharest, March 26.—Both Houses of the Romanian Legislature have unanimously rejected the exchange of Bessarabia for the Dobrogea.

London, March 28.—It is semi-officially stated at St. Petersburg that General Ignatius is charged with a diplomatic mission to Vienna to induce Austria to inform the British Government that it must not reckon on Austrian support.

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GELBACH VON PUSTAU has
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procuration, at the following address:
W.M. PUSTAU & CO.
Hongkong, March 22, 1878. ap20

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MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was
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the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878. myl

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ON THURSDAY, the 18th April, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
P. & T. H. O., Commandant PASQUALINI,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
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London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
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the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
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at the Agency's Office.)

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